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WOMAN'S ABILITY.

The late Premier Stolypin's recognition of the capacity of women for public business took a very practical form, which is pleasing to the women of Russia in general as well as to the strong-minded Dowager Empress. It is displeasing to men who are candidates for official honor, as it makes women in certain cases their successful rivals. It is true that by an amendment ordered after the original promulgation of the order only one in five of the civil service staff can be a woman; nor can a woman rise higher than the seventh of the twelve ranks in the service, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. So men will continue to monopolize the coveted title "High Excellency," and the chance that a woman will be a cabinet minister is very remote. One noteworthy feature is that women receive the same pay as men in positions of equal rating. Women officials are to receive full pensions, even if they marry before leaving the service, and their children will get the same pensions as if they had fathers in the service. When both parents serve, they will get almost double pensions. In all cases, the women are to have the same salaries, lodging and traveling expenses as the men. This latter feature of the Stolypin system is the one that is likely to make the deepest impression on the women school teachers of the United States.

Alfred Tennyson Dickens from far away Australia plunges Boston femininity into gloom by observing that in respect to ankles "the beely sort greatly outnumber those graceful appendages that linger so much longer in a man's memory," says the Boston Globe. This is one of the effects of the recent rainy weather, and is not to be taken too seriously. Besides, so far as our observation goes, the criticism is grossly exaggerated, not to say unfounded. Mr. Dickens must have poor vision or perhaps he spent all his time in the shopping district where, to be frank, the display of ankles is very prosaic. Our women who are striving to be beautiful of course will feel downcast over the unartistic picture that Mr. Dickens frames. Our ladies are accustomed to reduce their weight or increase their avoidings, as the case may be, to become more Venuslike, but nobody yet has ever advertised an ankle-reducing emporium, nor does it seem possible that such an establishment could operate to advantage. Probably this Dickens man, a perfect Shylock on fashion, would suggest that a pound of flesh be taken from each ankle, so that it might linger longer in his memory.

The thing about Paris that seems to have most impressed our great fellow American, Edison, is that the Champs Elysees is a twilight lane in the country compared with the great white way in little old New York. It is to be presumed that this is the fault of Paris' age. Being some thousand years the senior of Manhattan, she is rather averse to casting too much illumination on her features—the same feeling has been known by a part of humanity. It is said, it takes irrepressible youth to stand the dazzle of Broadway. But if Paris doesn't burn so many electric lights, it has charms that Gotham cannot match.

When she learned that her husband had fallen heir to \$1,000,000 a woman who had gone to Reno for the purpose of securing a divorce decided to withdraw her application. Now if she can convince the gentleman that she loves him for himself alone all will be well.

Jamaica has a new banana disease. With modern methods of tracing the origin and communication of disease, it should be easy to handle it. If the banana tree were a slow grower, the outlook for this Jamaica industry would be worse.

A historian declares that the "early Christian fathers protested against the wearing of false hair." But as usual, under such circumstances, they failed to say anything about padded shoulders.

A Gotham minister says that happiness is the best cosmetic. This is a valuable hint to husbands who dislike their wives to wear artificial complexions.

Only in essentials does the spiral glide performed by an aviator differ from that of the bibulous clubman returning home late.

They tell us that this is a busy world, but one gains a different impression by watching a crowd around a scoreboard.

Mr. Edison's remark that aviation needs scientific revision should give the aviators pause.

How strange it is that some paragoner has not taken it upon himself to call alimony the grass widow's mite.

Experts tell us that the high cost of living makes people eat less and live longer. Let's all stop eating and live forever.

M'NAMARAS PLEA GUILTY TO CHARGES

JAMES ADMITS TIMES DESTRUCTION AND JOHN THE LLEWELLYN AFFAIR.

BOTH TO BE SENTENCED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Fate of Structural Iron Workers to Be Announced on Day Los Angeles Socialists Engage in Fierce Struggle at Municipal Election—Court is Silent as Labor Leader and Brother Plead—Action Follows Conference Between Defendants' Attorneys and the Prosecutor While Court Was Adjourned.

Los Angeles, Cal.—James B. McNamara of Indianapolis, member of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, pleaded guilty to the charge of murder against him and his brother, John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the international union, in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, October 1, 1916. At the same time John J. pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy in connection with the dynamiting of the Llewellyn Iron Works here.



CLARENCE S. DARROW.

and James will receive sentence at 2 p. m. the same day.

James McNamara was charged with the murder of Charles Barkley, who was one of 21 men killed in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building. John McNamara was under indictment on the same charge, but his trial had not yet begun.

Under the California penal code, James McNamara may be sentenced either to be hanged or to imprisonment in the California penitentiary at Folsom or San Quentin for life.

For John J. McNamara the penalty may be one year or life imprisonment, as the court decides. This action caused a great sensation, but it was expected in a measure, in as much as District Attorney Fredricks, at the time set for the resumption of the James McNamara trial, asked and obtained a continuance from Superior Judge Walter J. Bordwell, before whom the McNamara trial has been in progress, until the afternoon.

Afterwards Fredricks went into conference with Attorneys Clarence Darrow and Leconte Davis, who have been directing the case for the McNamaras.

Brothers Change Their Pleas. When court convened, District Attorney Fredricks read the indictments and asked James B. McNamara if he withdrew his plea of not guilty. He said that he did. He was then asked whether he wanted to plead guilty to murder, as charged in the indictment. The prisoner said:

"I do, your honor."

McNamara then sat back in his chair while the entire court room became as silent as a tomb.

"Then I will sentence J. B. McNamara on his plea of guilty at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, December 5," said Judge Bordwell. District Attorney Fredricks then rose with a big bunch of papers in his hand.

"I, J. McNamara, stand up," he said. "You have previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy in plotting dynamite under the Llewellyn Iron Works. Do you want to withdraw that plea?"

More to Be Pitted Than Censured. The Tall and Aggressive One: "Excuse me, but I'm in a hurry! You've had that phone 20 minutes and not said a word!"

The Short and Meek One: "Sir, I'm talking to my wife!"—Puck.

Used to Excitement. "Are you the man who was married in a case of tigers?"

"In the man."

"Did it seem exciting?"

"It did then. It wouldn't now."—Kansas City Journal.

Why He Left. "Why did you leave that swell boarding house?"

"Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply."

"What do you mean?"

"Four kind of forks and two kinds of vegetables."

"I do, sir," said the noted labor leader. "Now do you plead guilty to the indictment?"

"I do, sir," said McNamara, and sat back in his seat and Judge Bordwell announced that he would sentence him at the same time as his brother.

Darrow Knew Defendants' Guilt. Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, said after the pleas were entered:

"I have saved a human life out of the wreckage, I hope. I do not believe the judge will sentence him to death. His life is the best that I can expect. For six months I have carried a terrible burden."

"We have sought every possible loophole and have tried our best to grope our way out of the maze, but about two weeks ago I discovered from the county authorities the evidence which they had."

"In addition to their evidence, I had further facts which, if they had been discovered, would have added to the hopelessness of Jim's plight."

"Jim is going to tell the press all of the facts at a later time. I do not like to ask him to do so now."

"The county had a dead-end and shut case against us. I am very tired and worn and can not talk at this time, as I have been under a terrible strain for the past few weeks. In fact, I will never be able to describe the ordeal through which I have gone."

Will Effect City Election. The action of the McNamaras in pleading guilty is important in one of its phases, because of its possible effect on the Los Angeles city election Tuesday. Job Harriman, Socialist, one of the lawyers associated with the McNamara defense, is a candidate for mayor against George Alexander, incumbent, and Good Government candidate. Harriman polled the largest vote at the recent primary and since then 75,000 women have registered and will vote at Tuesday's election. Harriman says a majority of these will vote for him.

The two McNamaras were arrested last spring by Detective William J. Burns, noted San Francisco graft hunter, and his operatives, and the arrests were the result of the confession of Orrie McManigal, who was arrested at the same time as James McNamara. In Detroit, McManigal confessed he had placed dynamite under a number of other structures, and he said he and James were paid for their work by John J. McNamara.

Accused Alleged a Plot. John J. was arrested in the Iron Workers' headquarters in Indianapolis, and at the same time many dynamite clocks and quantities of nitroglycerin were seized. The two McNamaras alleged the arrest was the result of a frame-up and that the detectives had "planted" the dynamite in the offices of the union in Indianapolis.

Detective Burns said, however, he was sure of his case and deplored the action of the American Federation of Labor in defending the accused men as innocent, saying he felt sure when the case was over that President Coopers and his aids would repudiate such men as the McNamaras.

The sensational scene follows the arrest of three men last week on the charge of attempting to bribe Prospective Juror Lockwood. The chief figure in this angle of the case was Bert H. Franklin, former deputy United States marshal, who was alleged to have passed \$500 to Lockwood.

Indicates James Will Not Hang. Deputy District Attorney Horton said: "The chief consideration that appeals to me is the economic one."

By getting pleas of guilty the county is saved a great expense, without complication or controversy as to whether the big fund has been wisely expended.

"Here was an opportunity to silence everybody and also to save a large sum for the county. Although the court could sentence McNamara to be hanged, it seems to me that the least we can do for him is to spare his life."

Horton said McManigal, the informer, would have to take his medicine.

Cleveland Host to Governors. Cleveland, O.—The western "Governors' Special" arrived here at 8 a. m. Friday and the western executives were taken immediately in charge by a reception committee and kept busy attending luncheons, receptions and other functions until late in the afternoon, when they departed for Buffalo.

Gov. Tasked L. Oddie of Nevada joined the touring executives here. Nine governors are now with the special as well as representatives of Gov. Shafroth of Colorado and Gov. Johnson of California.

Admiral's Son Hurt on Gridiron. Baltimore, Md.—Robert K. Marmion, 29 years old, of Washington, a son of the late Admiral Marmion, is recovering in the Johns Hopkins hospital from injuries sustained in a football Thanksgiving day. Young Marmion received brain concussion and was unconscious for four hours.

Heart and Hand. "My heart and my hand are yours to command."

He said to the maid he was wooing. "Your hand is too busy to labor," she said.

"And your heart is too busy for one who would wed."

So beat it, my boy—nothing doing!"

The Familiar Test. This is the time of the year when, if you die when you eat them, they are toadstools, and if you live they are mushrooms.—Dover (Ky.) News.

Warning Him. "I am talking with the spirit of your dead husband," said the medium. "Have you any message for him?"

"Yes; tell him to be sure not to say anything that will shock the angels. I always had to warn him about that when he was on earth."—Detroit Free Press.

The Explanation. "Vakker is supported in affluence and luxury by his children."

"Yes. I heard he had a family of daughters."—Harper's Bazar.

RUSSIAN TROOPS OFF FOR TEHERAN

PERSIAN CAPITAL TO BE SEIZED, UNLESS GOVERNMENT WILL OUST SHUSTER.

ENGLAND FAVORS CZAR

Parliament Refuses Plea of Britain—Two Powers Covet Country North and South of His Domain—Minister Assassinated.

Berlin, Germany.—Ala Ed Dowleh, brother of the former Persian minister at Berlin, was assassinated in front of his residence at Teheran, according to a news dispatch received here.

It is believed Ala Ed Dowleh was mistaken for his brother, who was involved in the controversy concerning the Persian treasurer general.

Five shots were fired at Ala Ed Dowleh, four of which took effect. The assassin escaped.

Troops Ordered to Teheran. St. Petersburg, Russia.—Russia has ordered troops to Teheran to enforce her demand that W. Morgan Shuster, the energetic American treasurer of Persia, be deposed.

Unless Persia acquiesces at once, the Russian army, and in the latter event runs a grave chance of becoming the property of Russia and England.

The decision to move troops to the Persian capital was reached, following the rejection by the Persian national assembly of England's suggestion that she accede to the demands of Russia.

England's position indicates that she is giving her moral support to Russia.

For several weeks Russia has been mobilizing Cossacks and infantry at Rehit, a Persian city, 150 miles northwest of Teheran. Virtually all the troops at Rehit were ordered to the Persian capital.

Russia long has looked with anxious eyes on a strip of Persian territory to the north, while England has been equally covetous of a strip of the shah's domain to the south. There is no doubt expressed here that England and Russia have reached a definite understanding regarding the partitioning of Persia, if the latter country does not expel Shuster at once.

Jury Is Scored by Judge. Danville, Ill.—Circuit Judge Kimbrough spoke his mind freely to the jury in the trial of Sam Wright, charged with slaying his brother. The jury, after being out two days, returned a verdict of manslaughter, and a dismissing the body Judge Kimbrough said: "Such verdicts as this make crime popular in Vermillion county. I am sorry."

Believes Girl Was Murdered. Evansville, Ind.—That Miss Sallie Bush, 21 years old, who died at a boarding house in Evansville, was murdered, is the belief of the girl's brother-in-law, Robert Wilson of Oak and City, Ind. Wilson swore to an affidavit for the arrest of an admirer of Miss Bush.

Warner Parole Is Opposed. Cincinnati, O.—Prosecuting Attorney Hartz of Hamilton county has written a letter to the pardon board in Columbus, opposing the parole of Charles L. Warner, who is serving a six year term in the Ohio penitentiary for embezzling funds of the Big Four railroad, while acting as Cincinnati treasurer.

Boy Hunter Slain by Own Gun. Evansville, Ind.—While hunting in Spencer county, Ind., Carl Haynes, 17 years of age, set his gun against a stump. It was accidentally discharged and the boy was killed.

\$200,000 Gainesville Fire. Gainesville, Ga.—A property loss estimated at \$200,000 resulted from a fire which started in the Palmetto hardware company's store and spread to a half dozen other structures in the same block.

Richeson's Lawyer on Scene. Boston.—John L. Lee, distinguished criminal lawyer of Virginia, arrived here to prepare the defense of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with murdering Avis Linnell. The trial will start January 15.

2 Killed, 4 Hurt, in Gas Explosion. Mattoon, Ill.—Two women are dead, a third is believed to be dying and three children are severely injured as the result of the explosion of a gas casing and lighting plant in the home of J. M. Henton, a farmer.

Auto Knocks Down Fifty Persons. New York.—Fifty persons were knocked down and seven seriously injured when a runaway automobile dashed into a crowd of theatergoers in Times square. The car was driven by a stranger, who escaped.

League Office Is Robbed. Washington.—Harrison J. Parsons and Gordon Anderson, messenger boys, 7 years old, are held here, charged with entering the offices of the Progressive Republican league and stealing \$50 worth of stamps.

Seven Hurt in Missouri Wreck. Springfield, Mo.—Six passengers and a member of the crew were injured when three coaches of a Missouri Pacific passenger running between Joplin and Topeka, Kas., were overturned by a defective rail.

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TAFT'S VIEWS OF ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT REVIEWS WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT HE PROPOSES.

SECOND TERM UP TO VOTER

Would Appreciate Renomination, but "Would Not Sacrifice Duty to Bring About Such Result," Quoted in Outlook.

New York.—A long authorized interview with President Taft by Francis E. Leupp, former Indian commissioner, appears in the current Outlook.

In it Mr. Taft reviews his term and declares that while he would appreciate a renomination, he would not sacrifice his freedom to do his duty to bring about such a result. He gives inside information of negotiations for certain legislation and devotes much space to his efforts to bring about tariff reduction.

Insurgents Altered His Bill. The insurgents, Mr. Taft recounts, had altered his railroad bill seriously and would have nothing to do with the thirty-day rate agreement permit, which Mr. Roosevelt had frequently recommended. The president accepted a half loaf as better than no bread.

The postal savings bill got past the senate insurgents by a close shave, and the conservation bill was enacted. The president gives a history of the corporation tax of which, he says, he is proud. He dwells upon the important measures before congress, and in conclusion, explains how it came about that troops were sent to the Mexican border during the recent rebellion.

Message on Second Term Proposition. In concluding his interview, President Taft says:

"I am very grateful for the honors the people have given me. I do not feel to deny the satisfaction I should feel, if, after casting up the totals, pro and con, and striking a balance, they should decide that my first term had been fruitful enough of good to warrant their electing me for another. Any man would be proud of such a verdict."

"But I have not been willing, nor shall I be, to purchase it at the sacrifice of my freedom to do my duty as I see it."

"My happiness is not dependent on holding any office; and I shall go back to private life with no heartburnings if the people, after an unprejudiced review of my administration, conclude that some one else can serve them to their greater advantage."

Mrs. Patterson Dies. Denver, Colo.—Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson will pay no penalty for killing her husband here September 25 last. The jury, which has heard the evidence in her case for more than a week, returned a verdict acquitting her and upholding the contention of her attorney that she was justified in shooting Patterson because she feared he was about to kill her.

Euthanasia Case Is Up. Tampa, Fla.—The grand jury at Kissimmee continued its investigation into the case of Ekbert Gillette and Elizabeth Sears, Shakers, who administered chloroform to their correlative, Sallie Marchant, to assist her out of this life.

16-Hour Law Is Invalid. Jefferson City, Mo.—The supreme court held that the enactment of the federal 16-hour law for railway employees nullified the Missouri law, and that the state had no jurisdiction to attempt to enforce the Missouri statute.

Col. Brown of Artillery, Retires. Washington, D. C.—After more than 42 years' service, Col. Edward T. Brown, of the field artillery, was retired on his own application. Col. Brown came from Maine and was graduated at West Point in 1873.

Morris Sued for \$50,000. Chicago.—While Gov. Edwin L. Norris of Montana was here with other Western governors, a suit for \$50,000 was begun against him by Mrs. Hallie E. Hovess. The cause of the action was not made known.

Gets \$15,000 by Compromising. Monroe, La.—Mrs. Thelma Ray Brown, aged 22, who sued the wealthy parents of her husband, Alonzo Brown, 20, for alienation of affections, has accepted \$15,000 as a compromise.

Mail Rail Lines Score. Washington.—The mail carrying trunk line railroads scored first in the big fight to prevent the government diverting any of the transcontinental steamship lines operating between New York and San Francisco.

Negro Assassin Gets Five Years. Springfield, Mo.—Henry Pato, a negro, charged with attacking Emma Cline, was found guilty by a jury and was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary. The girl admitted having been wayward.

Sinclair to Win Divorce. New York.—A decree of divorce for Upton Sinclair, the author, from Meta Fuller Sinclair, the daughter of William M. Fuller, clerk of general sessions, was recommended by the referee in the case.

3 Unite to Fight Trust. Cleveland, O.—A determined effort of independent steel companies to fight the U. S. Steel corporation is seen here in the announcement that three of the biggest independent firms in Ohio will be merged.

IMPERIAL FORCES RETAKE HAN YANG

DEFEAT IN HAN YANG ASTONISHES REBELS—REVOLUTION HANGS BY THREAD.

REBELS ENTER HANKING

Yuan Shi Kai Says He Does Not Fear Death by Assassins—Feared by Assembly, Removes Suspected Officers.

Nanking, China.—The revolutionary troops entered the four gates of the city of Nanking early this morning.

Imperial Forces in Han Yang. Peking, China.—Han Yang has been occupied by the imperial forces which crossed the Han river, twenty miles above Han Yang.

The great crisis in the revolution has been reached. The overwhelming defeat at Han Yang came unexpectedly to the revolutionaries, and their sympathizers south of the Yang Tze. Even the radicals admit the revolution is held together by a slender thread.

Wireless reports from Hankow say it was comparatively quiet around Hankow and Wu Chang. The gates of the latter city are closed, and it could not be told what was transpiring inside. There was some firing, but apparently it was of little importance.

Plan Grand Assault. The imperialists are occupying Han Yang and Hankow. They are making great preparations and are awaiting reinforcements before a grand assault on Wu Chang is attempted.

It is reported big reinforcements continue to join the rebels, but the loss of the arsenal and the resultant shortage of ammunition is fatal.

Wu Chang has made a provisional capitulation, and it is evident the government is getting a strong hand in that part of Hu Pei province, where a few weeks ago, the rebels seemed to have supreme control.

There is no news of Li Yuan Heng, the revolutionary commander, and it is not known whether he led the defense on Han Yang or directed it from Wu Chang. It is not believed the rebels will surrender, as they fear slaughter, but will prefer to take chances in flight in the open country.

The rebels endeavored to obtain the terms offered by Yuan Shi Kai three weeks ago, but it is reliably reported that Lieut. Fank Kwo Chang, commander of the imperial troops at Hankow, has refused.

Too Much Money. New York.—The possession of too much money to make the carrying of more worth while, and too much time on his hands with nothing of interest to do, were given by relatives as the probable reasons that led Charles B. Clark to take his life by cutting his wrist with a razor.

Baron G. Rothschild Dies. Paris, France.—Baron Gustave Samuel James Rothschild, 81 years old, one of the chiefs of the famous banking house, and consul general from Austria-Hungary, died here. The baron was the son of the late James Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking concern.

Pardon Refused Youtsey. Frankfort, Ky.—For the second time since he became governor of Kentucky four years ago, Governor Wilson has refused a pardon to Henry Youtsey, convicted of complicity in the murder of William Goebel and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Wave Kills Four, Hurts Three. New York.—A tragic story of the sea was brought into port by the French steamer Santa Anna. A tremendous wave struck the vessel November 22, causing the death of four seamen and injury to three others.

Ask Shuster to Resign. London.—The Russian government has decided to demand officially the resignation of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, according to advices from St. Petersburg.

Niece of Fairbanks a Suicide. Marysville, O.—Miss Alice Fairbank, 40 years old, niece of former Vice-President Fairbanks, committed suicide at her home here by drinking carbolic acid.

Kansas Town Destroyed by Fire. Concordia, Kas.—Jamestown virtually was destroyed by fire. Four business buildings in Glasco also were burned.

Taft to Make Two Speeches. Washington.—President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend the dinner of the Ohio society in New York, January 29. He will go from New York to Cleveland without returning to Washington.

Woman Held in Smuggling Plot. Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. Edith Hall was arrested at a Los Angeles hotel charged with having guilty knowledge of the gang of smugglers whose launch, the Conral, was captured off the coast of Monterey county.

Nanking Seized by Rebels. Shanghai, China.—The rebels rushed the Nanking fortifications Tuesday and captured the city after a desperate hand-to-hand fight in which 700 imperialists and 500 revolutionaries were killed.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

Chiropractors on Trial. The first of 24 cases against Dr. D. Nelson Smith and Dr. Amory Smith, Chiropractors, charged with practicing medicine without a license, was placed on trial at Liberty and the decision of the trial court will be of interest throughout the United States. The defendants are represented by the governor of Wisconsin and other widely known lawyers and it is probable that the cases will eventually reach the United States supreme court.

Rode a Steer to Safety. William Hamilton, a cowboy from the Texas Panhandle, saved his life with a revolver when he fell into a pen of wild Arizona steers at St. Joseph recently. Hamilton scrambled to his feet and quickly drew a big revolver which he promptly fired full in the face of the on-coming steers and crippled one. Then, as the others stopped short, he seized the horns of one and rode the animal until it carried him close enough to the fence for him to scramble off and climb to safety.

Bones Found in Old Fort. Old Fort Oldham, which figured during the civil war and the location of which had been lost to sight for many years, was uncovered when graders for the new interurban railway between Kansas City and St. Joseph were working at Kearns. They first uncovered a wagon load or more of human bones and later dug up an ancient cannon which, it is presumed, was buried to prevent its capture.

Prisoner Tries Suicide. George C. Papineau, who confessed last week at St. Joseph to the murder of William Blake in Chicago on July 6, last, but whose confession is discredited by the Chicago police, was taken dangerously ill as the result of an overdose of morphine smuggled in to him at the county jail, where he was serving a 30 days' sentence for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Seized an Aeroplane for Debt. An aeroplane upon which A. J. Pruitt, an inventor of St. Joseph had worked for several years and which is almost completed, has been seized by the sheriff, along with all of the inventor's household goods, tools and machinery, to satisfy claims of creditors. The goods, except the flying machine, were sold at auction.

Missing Signatures Saved. Ruling that bank notes are not counterfeit money, if they do not bear the signatures purporting to be those of officers of the bank of issue, Judge Iyer of the United States district court at St. Louis sustained a demurrer to indictments against E. E. Young, Bode Payne and C. H. Evans.

A St. Louis Barge Line Split. Two large lines may operate between St. Louis and New Orleans, following the refusal of the Business Men's league to purchase the property of the Mississippi Valley Transportation company, already in operation, at the price demanded by W. K. Kavanaugh, the company's president.

Swindler Arrested. After an all-night hunt, Constable Sam Turner and a deputy arrested P. L. Stickey of Syracuse, N. Y., wanted for alleged connection with a swindling scheme by which three Missouri people were fleeced for more than \$1,250.

Christians at Republic. One of the largest gatherings of the Christian churches held in the state was the annual convention of the Greene county association of that denomination, at Republic. Dr. F. L. Moffett, Dean W. J. Lahmon of Drury college and Miss Virginia Hearne of St. Louis spoke.

Busy on New Road. The Sedalia-Springfield Highway association, which was organized at Warsaw, November 15, is already at work on the preliminaries for the organization of special districts along the route through the five counties traversed by this proposed rock highway.

Joplin Mine Owner Dead. Leon P. Cunningham, of Joplin, for 47 years a member of the Missouri Bar association, and one of the builders of the Memphis, Carthage & Northwestern railroad, now a part of the St. Louis & San Francisco system, died from a heart affection. He was 67 years old.

Y. W. C. A.'s to Meet. The southwest Missouri territorial conference of the Young Women's Christian association will convene in Springfield this week for a three-day session. All the city and college Y. W. C. A.'s in southwest Missouri will be represented and more than 1,000 members of the association will attend the sessions.

Seeks Two Conventions. St. Louis has begun a determined campaign to land both the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

Start Pythian Home. Judge J. H. Hawthorne of Kansas City, chairman of the board of managers of the Missouri Pythian home, turned the first shovel of dirt at the formal opening of work on the \$100,000 Pythian castle at Springfield.

A Man Found Dead. J. W. Hargraves, the manager of the United States Packing company of Clinton was found dead in his bed at the Cozart hotel there. He had died of epilepsy.